

Scituate COVID19 Update

May 4, 2020

COVID19 Cases: 81 Total (up 6 new positive cases, 7 cases of positive antibodies)

COVID19 Deaths 1

COVID19 in Quarantine: 10

There are also 8 new cases at the Life Care Center in Scituate. These are not reported in Scituate numbers because the patients are not technically Scituate residents. The entire center (patients and employees) will be tested for the virus. The BOH and DPH are closely watching this facility.

Governor Baker mandated public wearing of masks beginning this Wednesday. Here is the statement: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/may-1-2020-masks-and-face-coverings/download>

Note that this requires employees and customers of grocery stores, pharmacies, and opened retail outlets to cover their nose and mouth at all times. Face masks are also required on mass transit, livery transportation, and taxis. Please save medical grade masks for healthcare workers. Those under two years old, and those who cannot wear face masks for medical reasons, are not required to wear masks. Video on proper face mask wearing protocol is on the town website here <https://www.mass.gov/news/wear-a-mask-in-public>

Scituate will likely reduce the number of parking spots available at public beaches to improve social distancing.

Marinas are scheduled to open May 15th. The Harbormaster will be issuing guidelines for safe use, including requiring face masks on all docks/floats.

Remember to continue to support local businesses by ordering take-out meals, buying gift cards, and shopping on the new online local stores. The Governor has made it clear that the opening of businesses will be a slow roll-out based on safety recommendations.

The Scituate Economic Development Commission is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce, Harbor Merchants, Scituate Community Christmas, and other stakeholders to develop a comprehensive community re-opening plan. This subcommittee will draft this plan over the next two weeks. It's expected that the plan will evolve based on BOH/DPH guidance over the next six months. The goal is to marshal resources to support both our businesses and our community.